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PLATOONS 52 AND 54 LEAD STAR COMPETITION THIS WEEK

CGM ALMOND AND HIS MEN HAVE THREE STARS

For the last week's Star Assignment, platoons 52 and 54 came out on top with a tie mark of 3.9868. This week's star for platoon 52 puts them far ahead with a total of three for their period of training. Platoon-Commander J. G. Almond, CGM, evidently has his platoon running in true form. And again the lads of 52 can throw out their chests. Congratulations to you and your men, Mr. Almond. Congratulations are also extended to Platoon-Commander J. R. Davenport, CGM, of platoon 54. This week's star gives his platoon a total of two. They have a chance to try for another this week. Both platoons are in Company B.

Platoon 56, with the fine work of CSM, Zwhalen, broke through to win their second
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RED CROSS DRIVE GOES OVER THE TOP

The twentieth annual roll call of the American Red Cross Society went over the top on the base to the tune of almost \$500.

One thousand dollars was expected. Last year we fell short contributing only \$946.00, but this year we exceeded it, reaching a total of \$1,469.00. This was due to a greater enthusiasm on the part of all concerned and a more systematic method of collecting memberships.

The Naval Air Station and the Training Station more than doubled their last year's con-
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Boots Defeat N. Y. Marines In Benefit Football Game

Naval Training Station Scores In Last Quarter When Kuzma Tackles Beliberto Behind Marines' Goal

The Training Station Football Team pulled in the only score of the game with the Navy Yard Marines last Saturday afternoon in the middle of the final quarter when the Navy lost the ball on the final stripe to the Marines. It was the Marines' ball, and Beliberto, halfback, started a long run around right end, when Kuzma, Naval Training Station left end, plunged through and tackled the Marine behind the goal line for a safety that netted two points for the Navy.

DANCE TO BE HELD IN HISTORY BUILDING

A dance will be held on Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the History Building. This dance is to be given under the auspices of the Hostess House.

Erase your worries (if any), shipmates, by stepping the light fantastic with your lady love next Friday night. A nice slippery deck where you can practice all your latest steps (on the deck, not on the toes). And say, the orchestra is one of the best in the Service.

Some fun, Shipmates, some fun. We'll be seeing you. Yes, next Friday evening at the History Building.

TRAINING STATION QUINT TO PLAY ROANOKE

The National Business College of Roanoke, Va., will play the Boots' quint in the History Building next Tuesday night on the 15th of December.

This College quint ranks in playing ability with the University of Virginia and William and Mary College Fives.

Two years ago the Station Basketball team met the Roan-
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LANGLEY AIRMEN ARE ON BOOTS' SCHEDULE

Tomorrow night the Station Basketball Team will journey to Langley Field, Va., to play against the Army Airmen Five.

The Air Station at Langley Field has a notable quintet this year.

The battle on Sunday night promises to be a humdinger and full of thrills from basket to basket and back-board to back-board.

NOTICE!

The regular Wednesday night dances at the Hostess House have been discontinued, until further notice. Hostess House dances will be held in the History Building every other Friday night, beginning the 18th of December.

The regular Ship's Company dances will be discontinued during the remainder of the month of December, but will be continued every other Friday night in the History Building beginning the 8th of January, 1937.

53 WINS INTER-PLATOON BOXING SHOW

Platoon 53 engaged in a boxing show with platoon 54 last Tuesday afternoon beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Platoon 53 won five of the six bouts.

In the first bout Hanfiak, 125 lbs., platoon 54, tossed enough leather at Kidd, 128 lbs., platoon 53, to win an easy decision.

In the second bout Bridges, 130 lbs., platoon 53, won a close decision from Sugden, 130 lbs., platoon 54.

McSalliard, 138 lbs., platoon 53, took the aggressive immediately in his bout with Bandurant, 132 lbs., platoon 54. Bandurant found the storm too rough and fell before the vigorous onslaught of McSalliard. The referee stopped the bout in the first round and awarded the victory to McSalliard on a technical knockout.

Hamilton, 147 lbs., platoon 53, sent many crushing right hand swings to the jaw of Howe, 147
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Name: Man's name; write clearly.
Naval Training Station,
Naval Operating Base,
Norfolk, Virginia.
Unit.....

Stick to Your Post

All military men, when placed upon "Watch," must stick to their post. A man cannot leave his post of duty until he is absolutely certain that the "relief watch" has relieved him.

In the quiet lonesome hours of the darkness of the night a man upon watch is really an heroic figure, who may find solace in the thought that he is protecting the lives of his shipmates.

We recall the story of Louis De Casabianca, a French Naval Officer, who was Captain of a ship during the battle of the Nile in the year 1798. Casabianca during battle became mortally wounded. As the fire spread rapidly and endangered the lives of the crew, all aboard, with the exception of Casabianca and his son, abandoned the doomed ship.

Casabianca's only son, whom he loved dearly, was imbued thoroughly with a spirit of loyalty, an admirable trait in any courageous seafaring man. The son refused to leave his father. The heat of the licking flames began to feed upon the flesh of his body. Still his spirit was dauntless and he refused to leap overboard. Like his Dad he stuck to his post and "would not give up the ship."

Both father and son perished in the flames.

This episode has been immortalized in a poem written by an English poetess, Felicia Dorothea Hemans, which contains the noted line, "the boy stood on the burning deck," etc.

Our Naval traditions are bountifully overflowing with noble deeds, golden nuggets of

Government Insurance

The privilege of taking out Government insurance is offered to all men coming into the Navy. It must be applied for within the first one hundred and twenty days of service. When he reenlists he becomes eligible to take out this insurance, or re-new the policy. Special attention has always been made to bring the insurance offer to the serious consideration of young men who enlist in the Navy.

Marine Corps Increase

Increase of the personnel of the Marine Corps to meet the greater demands on the Corps resulting from building the Navy to treaty strength is urged by Major General John H. Russell, Commandant of the Marine Corps, in his annual report to the Secretary of the Navy.

"Congress appropriated this fiscal year for a Marine Corps average strength of 16,500 enlisted men and 1,074 officers on the lineal list," the Major General Commandant states. "This is about 10,500 less than the number of enlisted men considered adequate to meet requirement for a treaty Navy in furnishing proper guards for navy yards and stations, maintaining marine detachments afloat and at the same time maintaining the Fleet Marine Force at fifty percent of its complement, which is the minimum requirement of such Force in immediate readiness for emergencies. There is also a shortage of officers to perform present duties."

Boatswain: "I wish, my dear, that you wouldn't talk to me while I am driving."

Wife: "You just keep driving, and we will discuss it as we go along."

happy memories, gloriously depicting the heroic accomplishments of virile, courageous U. S. Navy men, who have colored the waters of the seven seas with their life blood in the performance of duty by "sticking to their posts!"

Basketball Squad Takes U.S.S. Wyoming

In a hotly contested and close game the Station Basketball quintet outsmarted the U. S. S. Wyoming five last Friday night in the Navy Y. M. C. A. to nose over a score of 37 to 33.

Hostess House News

Guests who remained at the Hostess House over the week-end of 5 December were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pyle, Edward and Jane Pyle of Arden, Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Walter also were guests who visited their son, Alfred, in Platoon 59. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Roberts, sister and brother-in-law of Alfred, were also there. Mr. and Mrs. Walter reside in Baltimore, Maryland.

Library News

The Hostess House Librarian wishes to announce that the Library has been enlarged. There is plenty of room to sit down and enjoy a good book "without any disturbance." She also wishes to announce that several new "good books" have been received.

Much has been done on the part of the Librarian to improve reading conditions in the library, and much credit is due her for her splendid accomplishments. Take advantage of this ideal place for reading. Also of the numerous good books which can be obtained there.

Navy Goat Triumphs

The football team of the Naval Academy finished the game at Philadelphia before a crowd of over 100,000 persons with a score of 7 to 0 over the West Point Cadets, the first time the Navy's goat mascot has led a touchdown margin over the Army mule in 15 years. The Naval Radio Station at Arlington flashed the results to the ships at sea, and the outlying Naval stations beyond the reach of civilian broadcasts, as the news came in from Philadelphia. The score was made in the closing quarter.

Divine Services



EVERY SUNDAY

Protestant

0745-Holy Communion, Chapel, Bacon and Powhatan Ave.
0930-Church Parade, Auditorium.
0930-Sunday School for children, General School Building.
1030-Bible Study Group, General School Building.

Roman Catholic

Chapel-Unit A off Pocahontas St.
Holy Mass-0730 and 0900.
Confessions-0630 and 0830.
Benediction following 0900 Mass.
Confession also on Saturdays at 1900. Week-Day Mass 0645.

Jewish

General School Building, Room 31, 0930 by Mr. Finestone of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Hot Air

A balloon does not rise. It is pushed up.

The effect of gravitation is a pull to the center of the earth.

As the air is heavier than the gas in the balloon, the net effect is that the air tends to take the space occupied by the balloon and push it up out of the way.

This idea has a human application.

Many an hombre thinks he is rising in the world, when he really is being pushed up to get him out of the way.

Mobile City

The visitor viewing the sights aboard a modern battleship soon perceives that it is not only a seagoing vessel and a floating fortress, but it is also a highly organized mobile city, with trained executives and skilled artisans in the many trades and occupations related to the useful vocations of industrial life, and the carefully selected men who are trained in the Naval Service are a national asset of America.

Hula Maid: "Gee, I'm just wild about that shipwrecked sailor."

2nd ditto: "So am I. Let's pull straws for him."

53 Wins Boxing Show

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lbs., platoon 54, that sent the blonde, game-hearted youngster to the canvas for the nine count in the first round. Howe rallied in the second round that kept Hamilton back on his heels with stiff jabs. Hamilton again nailed Howe with deadly hooks in the last round that put him ahead in the fighting score. The referee awarded the decision to Hamilton.

Wolfe, 155 lbs. platoon 53, was too much for Magee, 155 lbs., platoon 54. Wolfe won by a technical knockout.

Freeman, 155 lbs., platoon 53, fought a very good bout with Germana, 155 lbs., platoon 54. This bout was a torrid and slam-banging fest that had Germana draped across the ropes several times, but somehow or other the game fighter from platoon 54 hung on and readily absorbed more punishment. Germana would have won this fight, if he had used his left hand to good advantage in jabbing. Freeman was wide open for a left jab to the head. Freeman won the decision.

Chaplain Hally refereed the bouts and rendered the decisions.

Wischan, CGM, was the time-keeper.

Boots Defeat N. Y. Marines

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seemed that the Marines drew upon a reserve strength that was decidedly a stonewall against the Boots' charges.

The Boots played exceptionally good football in this post-season game, and seemed to be warming into their stride.

Those in the game playing for the Boots were: Kuzma, Delisle, Hixson, Krestic, Airheart, Wardwell, Larsen, Childers, Crawford, Cale, Ditto, Edward, Woodward, Gill, Shapiro, P. Smith, Williams, Padlock.

Lieutenant Dillinder is the coach of the team and worked hard throughout the season to fashion the aggregation into a smooth running machine.

THIS WEEK'S HONOR MEN

Platoon 50—Walter Leroy Cogley, enlisted 8 September, 1936, at Pittsburgh, Pa. His home town is Cokeville, S. C.

Platoon 51—Edward M. Ebbs, enlisted 10 September, 1936, at Raleigh, N. C. His home town is Bluff, N. C.

Platoon 52—Daniel Cecil Kennington, enlisted 11 August, 1936, at Spartanburg, S. C. His home town is Mills Springs, N. C.

Platoon 53—John Edward Bryant, enlisted at Detroit, Mich., 17 September, 1936. His home town is Ferndale, Mich.

Platoon 54—James E. Sugden, enlisted 22 September, 1936, at Pittsburgh, Pa. His home is Pittsburgh, Pa.

Platoon 55—William W. Ford, enlisted 6 October, 1936, at Grafton, W. Va. His home town is East Clarksburgh, W. Va.

Platoon 56—Edwin Mozart Carter, enlisted 13 October, 1936, at Atlanta, Ga. His home town is Monroe, Ga.

Platoon 57—John Clarence Collier, enlisted 20 October, 1936, at Louisville, Ky. His home town is Ashland, Ky.

Platoon 58—David H. Owen, enlisted 5 October, 1936, at Baltimore, Md. His home town is Route 3, Annapolis, Md.

Platoon 59—William Carlton Tedrick, Jr., enlisted 5 November, 1936, at Baltimore, Maryland. His home town is Route 1, Clear Springs, Md.

Quint To Play Roanoke

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oke College for the State Title. The Station Team Defeated the College Five by one point for the State Title.

Last year the College team was defeated in the semi-finals for the State title. The Station team won the title last year.

The Roanoke College team has the unusual reputation of being the best uniformed and best equipped Five in the country.

In the Stew

An old Medical Director had a son, who was a star quarterback. The old fellow was a fullback—full of lumbago—and, naturally, he had lost the football idea.

The boy won a critical game all by himself, and, very much elated, he rushed home, without changing his football togs, to tell his parents of his victory.

As he tore into the house, his dad glanced up from the paper he was reading and noting his son, begrimed, dirty and bloody, he muttered, "You look like a fool."

This was a sad aftermath after the glory of victory.

The boy slowly started upstairs to his room and met his mother on the way up. Her face shone with a loving smile, and, as she embraced him closely, soiled as he was, she cried aloud: "Darling, you look just as your papa did the first time I met him."

Vital Necessities

There are three things vital to a man-of-war; food, ammunition and fuel. Allow the ship to run out of any one of these and she becomes a useless mass of floating steel.

In a war involving great distances the conservation of these items is of paramount importance.

MOVIE PROGRAM

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 12th & 13th

Earthworm Tractor - Joe E. Brown, June Travis.
Song of the Nation.
News Reel.

Mon. & Tues., Dec. 14th & 15th

Trouble for Two - Robert Montgomery, Rosalind Russel.
Sing Sister Sing.
News Reel.

Thurs. & Fri., Dec. 17 & 18th

Grand Jury - Fred Stone, Owen Davis.
A Wed Time Story.
News Reel.

Sea Breezes

Chief: "I've got a surprise for you—two tickets for the theater."

Better half: "Fine, I'll start dressing at once."

Chief: "Yes, do. The show is for tomorrow night."

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Then there was the seaman outside the dentist's office singing "The Yanks are Coming."

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QM Striker: "Does the moon effect the tide?"

Yeoman Striker: "No, only the untied."

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Sailor: "Do you mean to tell me a little worm produced those beautiful silk stockings?"

She: "Yes, I got them from my husband."

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Jones: "If you give me an anaesthetic, how long will it be before I know anything?"

PhM: "Now, don't expect too much from an anaesthetic."

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Sailor: "Can I have a room with a shower?"

Innkeeper: "Wal, young feller, I can give you a room that leaks, but I'll be derned if I kin guarantee rain."

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The sailor and the girl sat on the beach. He toyed with some loose pebbles, tossing them one by one into the water.

"I'm just a pebble in your life," said he.

"Then why not be a little boulder?" she replied.

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Sailor: "Does this bus stop at the Hotel Ritzmore?"

Driver: "No, we leave it in the garage at night."

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Then there was the sailor who saw his first peacock—he thought it was a chicken in bloom.

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Navy Chaplain: "Son, are you saving half of what you earn?"

Seaman: "No, sir; I don't get that much."

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Navy Bill thinks: Many a man thinks he is working up a lot of steam when he is merely in a fog.

Platoon 53 Drills Well

At the game between the Navy Yard Marines and the Boots last Saturday Platoon 53 performed a ten-minute silent fancy drill between halves.

The men of the Platoon, with one week's training under the instruction of Nestor, CBM, performed excellently.

The spectators at the game made many favorable comments on the snappiness and smartness of the Platoon and the manner in which the drill was executed.

Good work, Platoon 53!

Navy Y. M. C. A. Activities

Saturday, 12 December—

7:30 PM Informal Social around the Piano.

8:15 PM Dancing in the Social Hall—2nd Deck.

Sunday, 13 December—

6:00 PM Forum Hour: Supper served by Y-Anna Circle No. 4. Mrs. A. P. Osborne, Leader. Speaker: Dean Wm. T. Hodges, W. & M. (Norfolk Division). Topic: "The Rockefeller Restoration at Williamsburg."

Tuesday, 15 December—

8:00 PM Variety Vodvil and Boxing Program in the Gymnasium.

1. Hazel Barr, Gladys Lawrence, Bettie Anne Wahman, with Charles O'Conner in: "Is It True What They Say About Dixie?"

2. Doris Waller, Tap Specialty; 3. Erlene Ellison, Songstress; 4. Ginger Wilkinson, Tiny Tot Charmstress; 5. Murray Collins, Irish Melodies, 6. Mary Williams, Specialty Dance; 7. Doris Smith, Song and Dance Artist Supurb; 8. Eva May Morris and Clifton, Dance Team Extraordinary, Ruth Griswold at the Piano.

Wednesday, 16 December—

7:00 PM Basketball - Receiving Station vs U.S.S. Wyoming.

7:30 PM Dancing School - Class for Beginners.

8:15 PM Mid-Week Dance in the Social Hall.

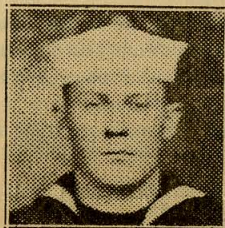
Friday, 18 December—

8:00 PM Basketball - Naval Training Station vs Navy Yard Marines.

Completion of Training Honor Men

W. H. Ridgeway, Platoon 50; W. K. Gordon, Platoon 51

Ridgeway, Seaman Second Class, U. S. Navy, Service No. 274-26-43, has been selected as Honor Man for his Platoon. After having been observed for a period of twelve weeks, Ridgeway was selected by his superiors as the outstanding man for his platoon. This selection is based upon the following qualifications: conduct, attention to duty; ability in assimilating the course of instruction, and neat personal appearance. Ridgeway is 24 years of age, was born at Hattiesburg, Miss., and received his education at the Main Street High School in that city. He was previously a soldier of the U. S.

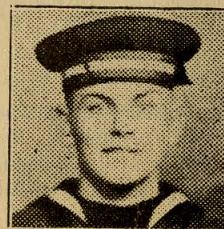


Army, and, after his enlistment expired in that Service, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy at New Orleans, La., on the 8th of September, 1936.

His next of kin is his mother, Mrs. Margaret Ridgeway, who resides at Moselle, Miss.

William Kenneth Gordon was accepted into the Naval Service on the 13th of September, 1936, at Richmond, Va. He is 17 years of age, received his education at the Port Republic High School, Port Republic, Va. He has shown to his superiors that he has every qualification, which is required of the up-to-date bluejacket. His next of kin is his mother, Mrs. William Gordon, who lives at Grottoes, Va. Gordon's future plans are unknown, but it is felt that he will prove a credit to the Navy, his family, and to himself, in view of the manner in which he applied himself at this Station.

The officers and enlisted men of this Station wish both these men a most enjoyable tour of sea duty.



Melville Sailors Win Match

The rifle team of the U. S. S. Melville, destroyer tender at San Diego, Calif., Sunday 22 November, went to Yuma, Arizona, and took first place in a rifle match in which the El Centro Rifle Club, Imperial Valley Rifle Club, 158th Infantry, and the Melville teams competed. The sailors took first place, repeating last year's win. The course is considered a particularly difficult one, due to conditions peculiar to the desert; drifting sand, heat waves, and wind, with some mirage.

SEND THE NEWS HOME!!

Boots Beat Rec. Station

At the History Building last Thursday night the Training Basketball team won an easy victory over the strong Receiving Ship quint.

The passing of the Boots' five was done with precision, until the ball eventually swished through the cords for a 2-point.

In this game the Station team seemed absolutely unbeatable.

The reason for this is evident. Each player is playing with the team and not individually to the gallery of spectators.

Well done, Team. Keep it up and secure the Reeder Trophy permanently.

Platoons 52 and 54 Lead Star Competition

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star. Their general average for the week was 3.9775. 56 has the highest mark received in Bags and Hammocks and their lowest mark was a 3.30 which was obtained in REVIEW. Correct your minor errors, 56, and you are sure to come through with flying colors in the future. Congratulations are also in order for Mr. Zwhalen.

Platoon 57 totaled up scores to place them in third position for the weekly star assignment. This places them at a one star standing. Their average for the week was 3.9775, which is a very good mark for a young platoon. Perhaps this platoon is "Clicking to gether," which is one sure way of obtaining results. The Training Station News wishes to congratulate you, Mr. Theroux, and we wish you many more stars in the future.

Red Cross Drive Goes Over The Top

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tributions, while every other department reported a substantial increase.

Contributions, itemized by activities follow:

Naval Training Station	\$694.57
Naval Supply Depot	213.00
Naval Air Station	206.05
Public Works Dept.	166.00
Marine Barracks	60.78
Headquarters, 5th N. D.	34.70
Receiving Station	30.00
Marine D. of S. 100%	28.00
Red Cross Headquarters	11.00
Marine Det., Det. Pris.	8.50
Disb. Office, NOB 100%	6.00
U. S. S. Acushnet	6.00
U. S. S. Taylor	4.40
TOTAL	\$1469.00

A Naval Custom

It is a Naval custom wherever U. S. Naval ships may be at Christmas, for all hands to entertain children on shipboard. Many fine Christmas parties are now being arranged for some very fine youngsters.